

served with distinction by gathering and analyzing key intelligence information. For this service, he has been awarded the Bronze Star, The Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, The Iraq Campaign, the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Global War Expeditionary Medal.

Outside of his military service, Major Hagan has continuously been an active member of his local church and community. He taught military history and the art of war to ROTC Cadets at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. For 6 years he served as a city councilman in Tompkinsville, KY, was President of the Monroe County Wellness Board, and served on the YMCA and Chamber of Commerce Boards. After returning from Iraq, Major Hagan lent his services to the people of the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina.

Currently Major Hagan owns a small business and serves as an S2 intelligence officer for the 5/515 Cavalry Squadron in Fort Knox, KY.

The citizens of the State of Kentucky are proud of MAJ Rickie N. Hagan's service. They join me in thanking him for his contributions to the Army and the United States, and in wishing him all the best both now and in the future.●

BILL ZADICK

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a man that has worked his way to and excelled in the highest level of athletic competition, Mr. Bill Zadick. Bill competed in the wrestling world championship in Gaungzhu, China, where he won the gold medal in the 66 kilogram weight class. The wrestling world championship brings together the top wrestlers from around the world, and to win a gold medal is evidence of determination, dedication, and elite talent. The semifinal match that Bill won exemplified these characteristics as he fought for every point in a weight class deemed to be the most difficult of all. Not to be overlooked was the silver medal victory achieved by Mr. Mike Zadick, brother to Bill, in the 60 kilogram weight class. As did Bill, Mike represented the fine qualities of a champion and the honor in his achievement will be long celebrated.

Growing up in Great Falls, Bill excelled in wrestling during high school and later at the University of Iowa. His hard work ethic, adopted from his father, helped shape Bill into a world-class wrestler. After the 2001 world championships where Bill placed seventh, his desire for perfection landed him in Colorado Springs where he developed a training program that would eventually earn him a gold medal. Not only has Bill set an example for athletic excellence, but he has acted as a role model for fellow Montanans. Montana has enjoyed recognition on the world platform before, and it is because of men like Bill that we have the opportunity to continue this great honor.

Considered to be a part of the great-est wrestling family in Montana, Bill and Mike Zadick deserve the praise and recognition given to them. We are proud as well as fortunate to have men such as Bill and Mike Zadick from Montana, demonstrating their amiable work ethic and acting as role models to younger generations of athletes and students alike.●

INAUGURATION OF DR. WILLIAM CLARK, III

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I congratulate Dr. Spurgeon William Clark, III on the occasion of his inauguration as The Medical Association of Georgia's 152nd President this weekend. I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Clark for many years. He is an esteemed physician, community leader, devoted father and son, and dear friend.

Dr. Clark graduated from Waycross High School in 1971 and earned a bachelor's degree cum laude in 1975 from Davidson College in North Carolina. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and interned at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. He performed his residency at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami.

Dr. Clark operates the Clark Eye Clinic in Waycross, GA, and attends patients of all ages. There is no question that he is a leader in his field. He has been included in "The Best Doctors in the South" in 1996, 1998, 2002, 2004 and 2006. He has performed groundbreaking surgeries involving the perfecting of new refractive surgeries, cataract surgeries and the refining of implanting lenses. His ophthalmology career includes time and work spent as an active member of Satilla Regional Medical Center, Emory Eye Care Center, the Atlanta VA Medical Center, where he has been a clinical assistant professor since 1997, and the Medical College of Georgia, where he has been a clinical assistant professor since 1998. He has previously served the Medical Association of Georgia as a member, delegate and as a member of the Board of Directors. He has also served the Georgia AMA delegation as Vice Chair and as President-elect, the Okefenokee Medical Association as President, as the Secretary as well as Director of the Eighth District Medical Society, and as President and Chairman of the Board of the Okefenokee Physicians Network, Inc., and as Vice President of the Satilla Regional Medical Center Staff Executive Committee.

Dr. Clark's accomplishments are indeed endless. Not only is he a leader in the medical field, he is an active citizen and parent in the Waycross community. He has received awards on numerous occasions for his service. He is the recipient of the 1987 Jack Williams Community Service Award, the 1988 Waycross Jaycees Outstanding Young American Award, the 1989 Waycross Pogo Good Citizenship Award, the Ware 2000 Excellence in Education

Award, and the 1990 Rotarian of the Year Award.

He has served as Vice President and President of the Williams Heights Elementary School PTA, as President of the Waycross Middle School PTA, and as a board member of the Okefenokee Heritage Center. Additionally, he has served in leadership positions with the United Way, the Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Waycross Development Authority, the First United Methodist Church, the Waycross Bank & Trust, and the Okefenokee Swamp Park Association.

Dr. Clark and his wife, Jill, have three daughters Victoria, Evelyn, and Alora. I know that this is a special time in particular for Dr. Clark and his family, because this inauguration continues a tradition of family service within the medical community. Dr. Clark's father previously served as the Medical Association of Georgia's 130th President in 1984.

I offer my congratulations to Dr. Clark on his inauguration this weekend and commend him for all his accomplishments. I know he will serve The Medical Association of Georgia well as their 152nd President.●

A DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE IDAHO EDUCATOR

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I honor a dedicated and passionate teacher in my home State of Idaho. In the late summer of 1963 J. Kent Marlor first stepped onto the campus of Ricks College in Rexburg, ID, as a brand new 26-year-old teacher. During that first year, he taught economic history and political science and took the role of debate coach. When asked of his years at Ricks, he said, "I don't know how I did it the first year I came here . . . I've had chances to go to a number of different places over the years, but have always wanted to stay here [because] I love Idaho. I love the wildlife and the smallness of the school . . . You know all the students [and] the faculty [and] the spirit that has always been here is a great thing for me." On August 24, 2006, he retired after 43 years teaching thousands of students in the political science department. He retired as the longest serving instructor in the 118-year history of the institution.

Kent is a man well loved by those with whom he has come in contact. He has touched the lives of many of his students and has been able to help them gain confidence and direction in their fields of study. He is a mentor to many and will be missed by faculty and students alike at Ricks College, which became Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2000.

During an interview with the Rexburg Standard Journal, Marlor said, "Success of a teacher is really measured in the success of his students." The newspaper reported that Marlor's students are now judges, doctors, attorneys, legislators and editors.

I have had firsthand experience with the fruits of Kent Marlor's educational efforts. Over the years, at least 10 of my Senate interns have been his students as well as several current and former members of my staff. When talking about his former students, Marlor said, "My reward for being a teacher comes when I see what my students have accomplished."

Before his long and distinguished teaching career, Marlor served his count in Naval Intelligence and at the National Security Agency. He has also served as president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation and the chairman of the Idaho Fish and Game Advisory Committee. At his side in many of these meetings was his wife of over 50 years, Sharon. Together they raised six children who have also been very active in education and in their communities.

Even though he has served in our Nation's Armed Forces, intelligence service, and in various community organizations, his most gratifying service has come with the Teton Peaks Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, Kent and Sharon earned their spot in the Boy Scout Hall of Fame by organizing countless campouts, merit badge camps, Eagle Scout projects and Courts of Honor. In recognition of his efforts, Kent was honored with the Silver Beaver Award in 1982. Sharon was honored with the same award in 1989.

Kent loves the outdoors. His love of fishing is legendary in the Upper Snake River Valley. There isn't a lake, reservoir, river, stream, creek, ditch, or puddle that hasn't been explored with his beloved rod and reel at least once in the last 40 years. It is my understanding that Scout troops who go on extended camping trips with Kent don't take much food with them. Wherever they go, Kent is sure to provide plenty of fresh trout for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Kent taught his Scouts to appreciate the beauty around them as well as how to conserve it for future generations.

I wish Kent and Sharon Marlor many happy years in retirement and thank them both for the contribution to education and the youth of Idaho.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY BOURDETTE

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Mary Bourdette, who passed away earlier this month after a 15-month struggle with ALS. My condolences go to Mary's family and the many friends and colleagues with whom she shared her spirit and commitment to social justice and making our country stronger through our families.

Mary is missed by me and so many others who had the honor to work with her as she championed the needs of those who have no voice in the political process. Our nation is truly better for Mary's 30 years of work on behalf of children and families.

Mary, who keenly understood the legislative process, combined her pas-

sion for good policy with a political pragmatism that yielded real results. She never lost sight of the important issues and built effective coalitions to guide important legislation to passage. Most notably, her focus on the children never wavered.

Her commitment, talent, and leadership improved the lives of countless Americans. I had the honor to have worked with her over the past 20 years on behalf of those among us with the greatest needs. Mary had an ability to get to the heart of the matter and move it forward. She was a driving force during the 3½ years we worked to win enactment of the child care and development block grant. She played a critical role in expanding the earned-income tax credit to help even more low-income families. She also helped to move forward important bills related to foster care and adoption. Her keen understanding of the technical Federal budget process benefited innumerable children and their families.

I am especially grateful for Mary's tireless work related to Head Start. During reauthorization of this important legislation in 1993, she was instrumental in the creation of Early Head Start that provided more comprehensive assistance to parents and their infants and toddlers. When the law was again reauthorized in 1998, Mary was there to ensure that it was further strengthened.

I applaud Mary's many accomplishments throughout her distinguished career. From the Legal Services Corporation to the Children's Defense Fund to the Child Welfare League of America to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, her dedication to helping the most vulnerable among us never wavered.

Mary Bourdette made enormous contributions and left all of us with much to protect and to build on in the future. We and the Nation's families are so grateful to Mary for her dedication and work to better the lives of our Nation's children.●

EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, over the August recess, I had the opportunity to visit the newly opened community health centers of Southern Iowa, located in Leon, IA. I had been fortunate to secure \$300,000 for renovations and equipment at the facility, and I was eager to see how these resources are being put to use.

As I toured the facility and talked with staff, I was freshly reminded of the extraordinary public service rendered by community health centers all across the United States. But the center in Leon is truly exceptional. The facility itself is welcoming, modern, and well equipped. And the staff members—from physicians to nurses to custodians—are truly an inspiration. They clearly have a special passion for their work, and they take pride in the

fact that they are providing first-rate health care in one of the most underserved areas of my State.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., used to say that "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Let me tell you, the dedicated professionals at the community health centers of Southern Iowa have answered that question in powerful ways. They have committed themselves to providing high-quality health care to all comers, regardless of ability to pay. All are welcomed equally. All are served with excellence.

This is why, as ranking member on the education and health appropriations subcommittee, I am 100 percent committed to securing appropriate funding for community health centers. One thing I know for certain: Every dollar Congress appropriates for centers like the one in Leon is a dollar spent wisely and frugally. It never ceases to amaze me how their staffs are able to do so much—and to serve so many people—with such modest resources.

I daresay that nobody in the health care profession faces greater challenges than those who choose to work in community health centers—challenges including chronic illness, cultural and linguistic differences, geographical barriers, homelessness, and on and on. Nothing stops these superb professionals.

And one more thing: community health centers have a well-deserved reputation for caring and kindness. In some ways, their physicians and nurses are a throwback to another era. They offer a direct and personal style of health care. They follow up. They care about prevention and wellness.

So I am deeply grateful to executive director Gary Rees, to medical director, Dr. Patricia Magle, and to all the wonderful staff and board members at the community health centers of Southern Iowa. They work their hearts out to provide the very best health care in a part of my State that has been neglected for too long. I deeply appreciate their passion, their compassion, and their dedication to public service.

Mr. President, in late August, I had the pleasure of attending a ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new United Community Health Center in Storm Lake, IA. Having secured funding for the center, which actually opened its doors last March, I was eager to meet with the staff and assess their progress.

I was incredibly impressed by all that this facility has been able to accomplish with relatively modest resources. I call it "the little community health center that could." The facility is welcoming, modern, and well equipped. And the staff members are truly an inspiration. They have a special passion for their work, and they take pride in the fact that they are providing first-rate health care to underserved communities.